

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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2002 Biennial Regulatory)	MB Docket No. 02-277
Review – Review of the)	
Commission’s Broadcast)	
Ownership Rules and Other Rules)	
Adopted Pursuant to Section 202)	
of the Telecommunications Act)	
of 1996)	
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Cross – Ownership of Broadcast)	MM Docket No. 01-235
Stations and Newspapers)	
)	
Rules & Policies Concerning)	MM Docket No. 01-317
Multiple Ownership of Radio)	
Broadcast Stations in Local)	
Markets)	
)	
Definition of Radio Markets)	MM Docket No. 00-244
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To: The Commission

**Request for an Extension of Time
From Nickolaus E. Leggett**

The following is a request for an extension of time for comments in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) from Nickolaus E. Leggett, an amateur radio operator, inventor, and a certified electronics technician. Mr. Leggett is one of the petitioners in RM-9208 which led to the establishment of low power FM (LPFM) broadcasting.

Complexity of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is devoted to the very complex subject of broadcast station ownership. The NPRM contains literally hundreds of questions from the Commission for parties to comment on. Many of these numerous questions are

interrelated concepts that require considerable thought and research to be adequately addressed.

Limited Resources of the Individual and Small Entity Commenters

Individuals and small entities making comments on this NPRM have very limited resources. Sixty days is just not an adequate period of time for these people to develop and submit their comments. This is due to the fact that these individuals and organizations have many other responsibilities that they must attend to in addition to commenting on this NPRM. These individuals and organizations do not have large legal departments or law firms at their disposal for dealing with this NPRM.

While my concern is with the “little guy” filing comments on this NPRM, I suspect that even large corporations will have trouble developing thoughtful and complete comments within the sixty-day period.

Importance of the NPRM

This NPRM is devoted to the subject of ownership that is very important for the future of broadcasting as well as for the future development of American democracy. My interest in this proceeding is focused on the opportunities for individuals and small organizations to participate in broadcasting. This activity can lead to local community building including the building of viable communities in areas that are currently underprivileged. The importance of this NPRM justifies a longer comment period than 60 days.

Requested Action

The Commission should extend the comment period from 60 days to 180 days. In addition, the reply comment period should be extended from 90 days to 270 days. This extension will allow all parties a reasonable period of time to comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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